THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) No decision has been taken to display the Nizam's Jewellery on permanent basis at any museum. However, a sum of Rs. 210 lakhs was spent when the Jewellery was on temporary display at the National Museum, New Delhi between August 29—October 31, 2001.

(d) It has been shifted to Hyderabad for a temporary exhibition at Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad. Prior to the Exhibition at National Museum, New Delhi, it was laying in Reserve Bank of India vaults at Mumbai and not at Hyderabad.

Promotion of Indian culture

1655. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme for promoting culture in the country;

(b) if so, the detalis thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government have taken for promotion and development of Indian culture in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Culture in the Ministry of Tourism & Culture endeavours to promote Indian Culture through sixteen Schemes and forty three attached/subordinate/autonomous organisations. Their details are available in the Annual Reports of the Department.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Irrigation projects in the country

1656. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the ongoing irrigation projects in the country, State-wise, as on date, location-wise indicating dates of launching in each case/progress made so far;

(b) the financial assistance released so far to the States under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme so as to ensure timely completion

of on-going projects, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to launch any new projects; if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government have agreed to revise/simplify the procedure for speeding up of technical clearances for new projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The State-wise details of the ongoing irrigation projects in the country are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 194, Annexure No. 14]

(b) The State-wise details of the financial assistance released to the States under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 194, Annexure No. 14]

(c) The State-wise details of new projects to be launched in X plan are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 194, Annexure No. 14]

(d) Yes, the Government has revised the procedure for speedy clearance of new irrigation projects with effect from 1.10.2001 so as to make it a single window clearance.

Desiltation of Tunga Bhadra Dam

1657. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that siltation in Tunga Bhadra Dam in Karnataka has reduced its storage capacity and the tail-end farmers are not getting required water for the crops;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps for desiltation of the Dam and the approximate cost of desiltation; and

(c) the responsibilities of Government and the State Government of Karnataka towards cost bearing for desiltation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The live storage capacity of the Tungabhadra Reservoir has reduced from 3718 Million Cubic Meter (Mcum) in 1953 to 3157 Mcum as per Survey done in 1993 due to siltation. Reduction in live storage due to siltation, which is a natural phenomenon, will have an effect on the design irrigation potential.

(b) and (c) It is not techno economically feasible to desilt reservoirs.